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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

## **NURSERY STOCK SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS**

CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION: Display your certificate where it will be readily visible to the public.

**CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION:** These are visually demonstrated in the form of a stamp imprint or a tag. They can be printed on bills of lading, boxes, cartons, stickers, labels, rubber stamps. A valid inspection certificate issued by the Division of Plant Industry is required on every shipment of nursery stock. Some examples are:

- Those intended for resale within Florida,
- Those shipped out-of-state, nationally or internationally
- Those shipped by mail, express, common carrier, etc. (In-state or out-of-state),
- All citrus nursery stock movements.

**OUT-OF-STATE SHIPMENTS:** Nursery stock shipped out-of-state must meet the requirements of various state and federal quarantines. In many cases, special certification is required. This certification is generally achieved by meeting the conditions of a compliance agreement and demonstrated by requesting the appropriate certification inspection tag. International shipments of plants and plant products require a Federal Phytosanitary Certificate.

Inspection certificates may be ordered from the printer of your choice or self-printed, but you must obtain prior authorization from the Division of Plant Industry. Contact your local plant inspector to obtain this authorization on FDACS-08086, Request for Authorization to Print Certificates of Inspection. This form can only be submitted by your local plant inspector.

Below are examples of federal and state quarantines related to Florida nursery stock and plant products

Federal Quarantines	https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases
Imported Fire Ant (IFA):	The shaded area on the attached map shows the current IFA quarantine area. Certification is required prior to shipping nursery stock out of this area, contact your local inspector or the USDA for information.
State Quarantines	https://nationalplantboard.org/laws-and-regulations/
Arizona	Burrowing & Reniform Nematode, Lethal Yellowing, Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter, Whitefly Pest and Scale Insect Quarantines requires shipments go to approved Holding Areas
California	Burrowing & Reniform Nematode, Lethal Yellowing, Chestnut Bark & Oak Wilt Disease, Sweet Potato Weevil, Caribbean Fruit Fly and several other quarantines
Hawaii	Requires special import permit for some plants, prohibits soil and palms
Louisiana	Burrowing & guava root-knot nematode, Lethal Yellowing, Texas Phoenix Palm Decline
North Carolina	Tropical Spiderwort, Sweet Potato Weevil
Mississippi	Lethal Yellowing, Apple Snail, Sweet Potato Weevil
Texas	Burrowing Nematode, Diaprepes root weevil, Lethal Yellowing, Date Palm Lethal Decline, Asian Cycad Scale, Camellia Flower Blight, Caribbean Fruit Fly, Sweet Potato Weevil and Red Palm Mite

**PLANT ADVERTISEMENTS:** All nurserymen, stock dealers, agents or plant brokers who advertise nursery stock for sale must provide a copy of their certificate of registration to the publisher of the advertisement. The registration number must be included in all advertisements of live plants. This includes advertisements for online sales and on social media platforms.

1-800-HELPFLA www.FDACS.gov



